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SUBJECT: PAN AFRICAN AIR INDUSTRIES (PAAI)

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 4138

- 1. COLONEL ROBERTSON OF PAAI CALLED DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 30 TO INFORM THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE MESSAGE THIS MORNING FROM OUAGA THAT PAAI PROPOSAL WAS DISCUSSED AT DECEMBER 29 MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. FOLLOWING MEETING MINISTER OF PLAN SOUMANA TOLD SAED DIRECTOR TRAORE THAT "RATIFICATION NOW SERIOUSLY IN DOUBT". TRAORE CLAIMS THAT HE INFORMED BY MINISTER RURAL DEVELOPMENT SANON THAT MINISTER OF PLAN MADE HALFHEARTED PRESENTATION OF PAAI PROPOSAL AT MEETING AND PRESIDENT LAMIZANA ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMENTED THAT AMERICAN AMBASSADOR LUKEWARM ON PROPOSITION FROM RELATIVELY UNKNOWN, NEWLY FORMED COMPANY.
- 2. ROBERTSON ASSURED DEPARTMENT HE GAVE NO CREDENCE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSERTION THAT PROBLEMS FACED BY PAAI ATTRIBUTABLE IN PART TO EMBASSY'S ATTITUDE AS AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN BREAKING PREVIOUS BUREAUCRATIC LOGJAMS AND HAS HELPED GUIDE PROPOSAL TOWARD RATIFICATION.

3. AS RESULT THIS MORNING'S PHONE CALL, ROBERTSON PLANS

| DEPART WASHINGTON TODAY AND HOPES ARRIVE OUAGA BY         |
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| TOMORROW EVENING TO ATTEMPT SORT OUT CURRENT DIFFICULTIES |

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ON CURRENT STATE OF PLAY.

ROBINSON

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